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Dear Mr. Maudling:

We appreciate your concern about the spread of the international Communist "Conspiracy", and thank you for your kind words about our progress in advancing the cause of Collective Security around the globe; however, we are unable to act upon your specific request. The Central Intelligence Agency has no legal jurisdiction within the borders of the United States. We suggest that, if you retain doubts about Mr. Swider's alleged un-American activities, and we assure you that his voting record is not a matter of public interest, you would be advised to contact the local FBI office in your area.

We regret that we could not be of more assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Bondon".

Jerry Bondon  
Director, Public Relations

P.S. As for your references to Messrs. Brezhnev and Kosygin "eating your wife's jam," we would suggest you investigate the possibility of purchasing a strong hasp and padlock for your cupboard.

JB/mos

Comrades In Arms is "A Kinder, Gentler Xyn" by Tom Swider, publisher. The games we play here are: Diplowinn, Dune, Final Conflict, Gunboat, Kremlin, Northern Ireland, Railway Rivals and VANDALS!. Descriptions of these games available upon request and may be an amateur design or are available commercially in finer game stores. One dollar gets you two issues; checks are payable to Tom Swider. I will not accept new trades until further notice.

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### Game Openings

Circus Maximus: GM Tom Swider. Signed up: Brad Wilson, Chuck Lietz, Jack McHugh, Mike Barno and David Anderson. Houserules in issue 21. If no other players sign up by next issue, we will start as a five player game, each player running two chariots. The winner of this race will receive the much vaunted Caesar's Cup.

Colonia: GM Brad Wilson. Monster world game with pieces all over the place. You should write Brad or Fred Hyatt for a set (send \$1--it's large!). Need 9 players. Jack McHugh and Bob Acheson signed up. I believe this will be a 5-6 week deadline game. Is this correct Brad?

Gunboat Final Conflict: GM Nick Dowling. Many people don't have time to write letters anymore, so gunboat is a good alternative. And if you don't negotiate, how about throwing missles at one another to add to the excitement? Press will be allowed. Three signed up. Send your preference list directly to Nick and not me.

Intimate Diplomacy: GM Jack McHugh. Single elimination money tournament; pay \$5 (to Jack) and winner walks away with \$40. Rules included in issue #22 (available upon request). Need 8 players. Scott Beckett and Mark Larzelere signed up.

Machiavelli: GM Jack McHugh. No famine or plague rules will be used. Need 8 players.

Pax Britanica: GM Mark Strouthes. Who will start WWI? Need six or seven players; Robert backs Chester Gates, Chuck Lietz, Edward Allen and Michael Turner signed up. You must own a copy of the game to play. Sign up with Tom.

War And Peace: GM Jack McHugh. Well, he's thinking about it. Roger Cox and Tom Swider should sign up; Brad Wilson and Bobby Laboon suspected. Campaign game -- Jack needs to whip up a ruleset for pbm multi player. Naval rules may change. Ownership of game required.

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### Standby Players

STANDBY PLAYERS (Which ones?): Mark Strouthes (any), David Anderson (any but RR), Ran Ben-Israel (Kremlin), Jeff Bohner (RR), Spike van Robart (RP Dip), Jack McHugh (Kremlin), Nick Dowling (any), Jim Nickel (RP Dip), Riley Hamilton (FC and Vandals!), Robert Belle (RP Dip and Kremlin), Roger Cox (Northern Ireland), Chuck Lietz (Pax and Kremlin), William Lydick (any variant) and Michael Turner (Kremlin). Please inform me of any changes. Four free issues for finishing a position.

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### A KINDER, GENTLER XYN

As we enter the 1989 year, I will continue to support some of the Objectivist philosophies in my heart, as explained in Ayn Rand's The Fountainhead. However, things must change, and so will my slogan. Comrades In Arms will always be the Fountainhead of the Diplomacy Renaissance; a new slogan will add new vigor to our pages.

If one is to change slogans in midstream, doesn't it make sense to choose a slogan which is heading in the same direction? Because of the family atmosphere maintained in Comrades In Arms, free of feuding, we shall be recognized as "A Kinder, Gentler Xyn".

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## ONE SMALL VOICE

WILLIAM LYDICK (Excerpt)

(October 17, 1988)

What is the deal with the Pentagram Publications?

[I don't ask questions. I just do as I am told...]

MICHAEL HOPCROFT

(November 20, 1988)

Greetings from the low-rent district of the hobby. First of all, I'd better take care of business, so here are my votes for Sea of Despair [restricted -- TJS]. I am amazaed I survived this long, and if I were to be cast overboard next turn, it would not surprise me in the least.

I hope the Diplowinn game is going to be with full press privilages. I am curious about what sort of press Sacks would write, or whether he is too busy being a hobby rebel bigwig to write humorous abuse. Do you have another copy of the rules, though? I went through another of what I call "housecleaning with extreme prejudice" with the result that I can't find Comrades In Arms #21.

A real, live Social Darwinist? I thought they died out years ago. Sad awakening on my part. Actually, it shouldn't surprise me anymore. After all, I've been on the mailing list for Robert Sacks' favorite libertarian bookstore for about a year and a half now (haven't bought anything yet, but then again I don't have that much for books and that I need to spend on textbooks -- besides, do they believe in checks?), and I see some pretty odd things in their catalogs. I also have a few readers like David Hood who are so enthusiastic about Capitalism that they are willing to march down to Central America and kill everybody who won't accept it for, to be more accurate, send the sons of the lower-to-middle classes to do the dirty work for them and get killed and maimed so United Fruit can continue to show growing profits). I've been asked to read everything from Ayn Rand to Chick Publications over the last two years.

I remember that a couple of years ago, when I was just starting publishing, I had a running arguement with Sacks on this very drug question. In a letter I posed the question of the individual who knowingly sold a deadly drug. His response was that this person had a perfect right to do that as long as everybody concerned is aware it is a dangerous substance. He asked me if I could see the abuse of drugs as "evolution in action". I don't think I can, considering what is actually involved in the abuse of drugs, legal and otherwise.

First of all, I would resist simply lumping the users of substances together as "idiots" who deserve what they get. Was John Lennon an idiot? Was Edgar Allen Poe? How about Hector Berlitz? In my college theatre days, I knew fellow actors who would begin to speculate on the nature of Jesus while under the influence of marijuana; their thought processes were quite lucid, even if they sometimes tended to make connections which they would not make when "sober". I have had people tell me the first time they really understood what their life was about was then they were on an LSD trip. And so on. But then I look at my father and his father, whose lives were shattered by addiction to alcohol, and I look at what the consequences of his "weakness" did to me as I was growing up, and I think of myself and the (prescribed) pills I couldn't sleep without for almost a year. A drug doesn't have to be illegal to be dangerous.

Look at the way tobacco and alcohol are promoted. Big athletic events are sponsored by cigarette companies and breweries. There are full-page glossy ads in all the best and most popular magazines obliquely describing how wonderful the product is. The drugs are linked to success, to popularity, to sex, to maturity. Can you imagine the ad campaign that could be designed by a legal cocaine company? I can, and it wouldn't be merely the competition between "name brands" that would be behind it. It wouldn't take much to imagine heroin vending machines in local bars. All of this would make the drugs cheaper, and more and more accessible. And even if the drugs were "pure" and "safer", they would still be just as addictive, if not more so. The perfect product for the consumer age! The ultimate in instant gratification!

Do we really want this?

As I'm writing this, CBS election returns are playing on my stereo. Very depressing, obviously, for me. But the Presidency isn't everything, and it looks like Bush won't get a mandate in Congress. That will at least serve to moderate events. I'm sure that must disappoint some people, but I am a great believer in equilibrium in politics, and think that the best

approach is reasonable and balanced. This is difficult to convey in a hobby like this, which is full of professed Social Darwinists.

Frankly, I find the idea that social problems will fade away when the unfortunate die off to be ludicrous. Even if it works that way in the animal kingdom (which I'm not sure is true in the case of individual creatures), you can't really "improve the breed" by selection. Human beings may be animals biologically, but they are not cattle and they are not predators (Francois Currier used a predator-prey analogy to defend himself once, and I've never thought as well of him since). Sentience changes everything.

[Central America is a topic I don't wish to get into because I'm not too well informed as to what has been going on. But I honestly don't believe that US troops don't get sent in just for the mere pursuit of Capitalism. Perhaps Jack could shed some light on your comment?

[Isn't grain alcohol available on the market, yet deadly if ingested? Should we also ban the sales of kitchen knives because they can be used as murder weapons? I know that some items have more potential for misuse, so they have some restrictions placed upon them, but nobody is preventing the sale of that item.

If you want to come up with insights into human nature, be it religious characters or a search for the meaning of life, meditation works well and doesn't involve any drugs.

[There was a period of time in my life where I experienced sleeping problems. I had bought some sleeping pills and took some. For about a week, they worked, but started losing their strength. I started taking double doses and found they weren't affecting me any further. I stopped taking them because I didn't want to continue increasing dosages and wasn't sure of any side affects. My Father has a valium prescription and some other prescription for his heart condition. If there was a choice between being more sober and ruining your heart, and taking the pills, I'd go with the pills. However, it would make sense to monitor new developments for cures rather than delaying the final results.

If harder drugs were advertised, I'm sure that they would fall under similar regulation as cigarette and liquor commercials. The problem of atheletic figures using drugs and their influence upon youth is a trickier problem. If the drug is illegal (as they are now), they should serve the same jail sentences as any other US citizen. No appeal or plead bargaining should be allowed because the rich can keep issues in court until they die or some beaurocratic glitch is found which will dismiss the entire charge, rather than reduce it.

[Do we want instant gratification? Doesn't everybody? That's why kids get into the drug scene -- money. If you understand that it is difficult to say "NO" when working as a watchout can earn you at least \$500 a week, then you know that finding other motivations is necessary to keep kids off drugs. Somebody finally had the brains to produce some commercial which use this angle, rather than the "If you get caught, it will be death eternal" approach.

If I don't believe in a "healthy balance" in politics, but I do believe in fierce competition between parties. Although they appear to be the same, there is still the fact that both parties have to be on their toes to serve their constituency better than the other party. The balance is not for the sake of having a balance.

If I do believe that the world does have a lot of cattle who are herded by the media or other sources of influence, rather than making up their own minds. And man is the fiercest predator; how many creatures are now extinct because of man?]

JAMES NELSON (Excerpts)

(November 8, 1988)

Many thanks for Comrades In Arms #22, and the offer of a trade. I've sent this letter airmail, whilst I have the latest issue of Variant And Uncles printed paper rate. The next issue will be out around the turn of December. I have just the articles to print out and the letter column to do.

I liked Comrades In Arms. That's about as simple as it gets. It certainly has more interest than the other US zines I get -- Bushwaker, which is interesting in itself, and Rebel, which although good to play games in has little else, apart from its subxyn, of interest. However, Comrades In Arms has a few other bits of interest.

Firstly, the spelling of what I would call "zine". I've seen it spelt "zeen" before, but "xyn". I don't know, Americans have some funny habits, especially zine editors.

I found the comments by Robert Sacks, and more especially Mikel Petty rather irresponsible,

and in places so happy-go-lucky it was unbelievable. America has the worst drug problem of the western world, and it is not just a simple cut-and-dry matter of having genetic drug genes as Mikel Petty suggested. If there are people around prepared to take drugs it will be because it is trendy. Whether their parents take or have taken drugs is highly irrelevant. Most teenagers do what THEY want to do, and take little notice of what their elders tell them.

Take smoking. Firstly, let's get a few facts right. Tobacco is a drug, and has been scientifically tested, with the results showing that it is very addictive, and has withdrawal symptoms. In fact, the only real difference between tobacco and say heroin is that the latter kills you more quickly. However in many people's views, smoking is a worse social crime due to the effect of passive smoking.

But back to the original point. My mother smokes, but my father does not. Does this mean that I'll not smoke, taking father's example, or that I'll smoke due to the influence of mother? No, I tried smoking totally on my own decision and gave it up as a bad idea. I didn't try it because of parental views imposed on me, and it certainly hasn't a thing to do with my "genes" as otherwise I'd still smoke or would never have tried.

Most of the people I know who smoke started because it was what the crowd did. It's very much the same with drugs. That 'crowd' will contain people from all walks of life. OK, so they'll be more from the less able end of society, but, there will be others from the opposite side of society.

The drugs problem is one of the society we live in. The society has made the problem, and there is no easy way out of it. But what is 'morally' wrong is just to say "What the heck, let's legalize and the junkies will kill themselves." Yes that will happen, but it will also make drugs more available, and SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE, and young people will have less restraints to helping them making that decision to say "No".

One of the problems in social acceptability in America is particularly that of sport stars using drugs. I don't know how wide the problem is in American sports, but being a keen follower of American Football, I am well aware of the problems this year. American teenagers grow up looking up to idols such as Dexter Manley and Lawrence Taylor, then find that they have been taking recreational drugs. Is this setting a good example to kids? It's not, and they're not being punished by the NFL enough.

I'll leave that as that. I felt like writing a lot more there. Drugs is an issue I feel strongly about. In fact, I could probably have written another page or two just on the NFL and how they should punish drug offenders -- both the leisure and steroid takers in the NFL.

As a matter of interest, how interested are you in Football, or do you prefer Baseball? I've been interested in Football for about three years now, and pride myself in knowing the rules by now! Seattle Seahawks are my team ("Go Hawks!" can be heard on a Sunday). Afraid I can't say the same for Baseball. I've watched a few games and thought the rules were daft and not my idea of a good game. With Football, not only do you get great athletes pushing themselves to their limits (with the negative side effect of having your Eric Dickinson's and Bo Jackson's of the world who think they're the greatest football players to have ever graced the field), but you also get the more subtle tactical approaches to the game (and then you have coaches like Tom Landry who have lost FOUR (if memory serves me right) games this season in the final minutes due to poor play calling!).

A nice idea [Gunboat Final Conflict], and one I approve of. In the UK hobby people tend to be too conservative, and stick to playing one variant at a time. However, with the mass of simple variants which could be combined together to create a 'great' variant, I'm surprised people haven't. You have, albeit only with Gunboat and a standard game, but you are still to be commended. Well done!

[Thanks for the many kind words about Comrades In Arms. I try hard. As for "xyn", that was an invention of mine back in the days when Mike Barro and myself published The Shogun's Sword. The whole idea behind "xyn" is that it is a shorter word (three letters) than "zine" (four letters) and that we could ultimately save money by using smaller words. The "x" has the "z" sound, as in the word "xerox". I'm glad it has confused so many people.

[Clarification of "Darwinism": Nothing is a 100% certainty. What we are dealing with are probabilities. There are social, environmental and biological influences upon people, and both have their effects upon human behavior. Part of the reason you started or stopped smoking is because of your social upbringing, the neighborhoods you are exposed to and your own bodily

makeup. Perhaps a certain genetic factor makes a person find particular tastes or odors pleasant or unpleasant? I don't think that genetics mandate your entire life, but they add or subtract to your percentages -- think of life as a game of Runequest if you may...

[For example, I used to be very overweight, and now I am just plain overweight, continuing my way down to better health. Cholesterol is a hereditary factor in my family. Several of my relatives have died because of heart conditions. My past lessens the chances of me having a healthy heart in my old age. But because I actively monitor the amounts of fast food and try to eat well, and get exercise, I am combating my legacy.

[You say by implication that the rich tend to have fewer problems, such as drug problems. I'm not sure if that is true. If a sociologist were doing a study of class and drug correlation, they could contact more poor people (on welfare) than rich people (who are too busy increasing their wealth, pursuing their hobbies or who can afford servants to screen away reporters). Most of the sources available in libraries are about the poor to middle classes. Very little is really known about the rich. On a personal level, it's their own right to live without being pestered. I hate being pestered myself. That's why I sometimes screen my phone calls with my answering machine.

[It would be helpful if the NFL took a more active role in the drug problem. They don't have to because they are a business and their first priority is the life of their concern. Members of the NFL would feel that they would also help their own families and loved ones by using company funds to sponsor an alternative to the drug scene.

[I usually don't watch too much sports on TV because I find other things to do. I do enjoy swimming, some weightlifting and raquet sports. If I do watch a sport on TV, I like watching occasional football, ice hockey or tennis games. I don't have a "favorite" team that I lose sleep over, but I am partial to the NY Giants.

[Thank Nick Dowling for Gunboat Final Conflict. There is one variant that takes a bunch of variants and puts them together. It is called Deviant Diplomacy. Each turn, the players propose new rules and vote on whether they are used or not. The problem in running the game is that many of the rules have unforeseen complications.]

ROGER COX

(October 25, 1988)

Would all the closed-minded, self-righteous, right wing, moral majority-loving motherfuckers still alive in "Sea of Despair" please stand and be recognized, so I'll know who to vote to deep six? If I'd realized what a bunch of conservatives were in this bunch, I never would have boarded.

The user of drugs will not "kill themselves off". Some will O.D., some will die of dirty needles, but the majority will live a normal life span. I have survived to have children, too, Mr Petty and I've smoked dope for 11 years. The kid is brilliant -- he should be; while "destroying myself with drugs", I managed a 1510 SAT score and a scholarship to Princeton.

[I'd agree that drug users won't kill themselves off for just using the drug, but if abused, anybody would die. I assume that you've smoked dope in moderation such that it has not affected your work or family life.

[Maybe I should have used drugs in High School? My SAT score was only 1240 and I only got a small scholarship from the state that covered about half my cost to a state school. Then again, I'm happy with where I am now. If you're happy, you have the right to ignore what others say.]

CHUCK LEITZ (Excerpts)

(Undated)

I have one question about the rather lengthy editorials. What do the writers hope to accomplish in these letters? Is gaming a way to express political views (with to me, rather limited exposure) or are these people unable to separate leisure time activities for "fun" from serious issues? Just a matter of my preference and it doesn't really affect my very favorable impression of your 'xyn'.

[People initially wrote in because I said I was starting a letter column and that their comments or input would be welcome. The reason I like to hear what people say is because you form stronger morals and reasoning abilities by listening to what people have to say. A postal

newsletter allows me to hear opinions from people outside of my NorthEastern area. I recognize that life exists outside of my area of the country and that alternative points of view can logically exist.

[In a way, I think I have changed my point of view on the drug issue because I received more information and found out that I'm not always as right as I would like to believe. Hopefully those who participate in the letter column by corresponding or reading receive the same chance.

[Writing also increases awareness and increases your political exposure.

[Can people separate the hobby from real life problems? I hope so. There have been many feuds going on in the hobby, and participants get so involved in it that they lose their vision as to why they are in the hobby. Discussion need not be arguement, and I view any of my rebuttals to my readers as discussion. I have been and will continue to be wrong, like any other human being. It would be nice if others would be willing to admit that they are wrong, drop their axes and get on with life.]

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### I WANNA BE A LIZARD

(Reprinted from Countermeasures #3)

I wanna be a lizard,  
cause they're so cute and  
cuddly.  
They got scaly skin that  
is dry and clammy.  
They got sharp forked tongues  
that really go out far.  
They got bumps and horns  
that make them look mean.  
But most of all, they run  
really fast.

I wanna be a lizard,  
cause they get to eat bugs.  
Girls really get scared when  
you crawl on their dresses,  
if you're a lizard.  
You can live under a rock,  
and stay up all night.  
Caus lizard's mothers are  
really alright.

Incidentally, I recommend Countermeasures as a fun xyn to get for reading. Bill LaFosse is the publisher, and has been timely thusfar. Although the name is new, Bill has GM experience and I would recommend him for anyone looking for a Diplomacy game start. Issues are 50 cents an issue and he has plenty of game openings. The address: 65 Barbara St; Trenton ONTARIO K8V-1Z6. If you send a SASE for a sample, tell Bill that you too wanna be a lizard!

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### VICTIMS WANTED

This is a relatively new xyn which boasts the Macintosh look (Attn: Ken Peel). Publisher Shawn "Leif" Erikson is running games of Diplomacy, Gunboat and Illuminati. Game openings include The Fury Of Dracula, Civilization, Blind ASL and some simple Dip variants. Rates are \$9 for one year (12 issues). Has a good wargaming content and I'd send a SASE his way to take a look at it. The address is: 6313 22nd Ave NW; Seattle, WA 98107.

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### SPEAKING OF PLUGS...

A popular favorite for some time has been The Canadian Diplomat by Bob Acheson. The xyn is worth the \$1 an issue price in size alone. Although it comes out once every 7-8 weeks, nobody minds the slow turnaround because of mail service to The Great White North, and that he has games and game openings to beat the band (including 34 Man Dip -- each player starts with one unit in a random supply center). It also features a woman on the front of each cover and all you would ever care to know about the Canadian Diplomacy Organization. Address is on the back cover.

STANDARD DEVIATION issue 17.

by Paul D. Kenny; 75A Maple Ave; Collingswood, N.J. 08108

NORTHERN IRELAND 1988 Plp:06

With the arrival of UDA orders, the game is finally under full swing. This game also has a Miller number and a Martin number. Unfortunately, I don't know what the Martin number is, but only the Miller number came from Isreal. Also, I've noticed that Hollywood is misspelled. I'll phase in the correct spelling over time.

The Times--BELFAST URRUPTS!; HIGH BRITISH CASUALTIES AS ALL PARAMILITATIES MOVE; REPUBLIC TRY'S TO SECURE BORDERS; DERRY CITY OVER BOHEMIANS 3-0, IN HURLING KILKENNY DEFEATS WATERFORD 2-15 to 0-9.

BRITISH (Brad Wilson): A Larne-Newtownabby; A Belfast-S-A LAR-NTA, (d/no place to retreat, eliminated); F Liv-NORTH CHANNEL; F LON-Irish.

EIRE (Robert Belle): F DUBLIN-Irish; A DROGHEDA-S-Dub-Iri (Imp.); F Donegal-BALLYSHANNON.

INLA (Jack McHugh): A Omagh-DUNGANNON; A ENNISKILLEN-S-Oma-Dgn

OFFICIALS (Riley Hamilton): A Derry-LONDONDERRY; A BOGSIDE-S-Der-Lder; A STRABANE (H).

PROVOS (Dan Wilson): A FALLS-Shankill; A Andersontown-MARKET; A Armagh-(H).

UDA (Roger Cox): A Shankill-BELFAST; A HOLYWOOD-S-Sha-Bel; A Downpatrick-STORMONT.

UVF (Nick Dowling): A Londonderry-COOKSTOWN; A COLERAINE-Londonderry; A-ANTRIM-Shankill.

All underlined moves fail.

PRESS:

PROVOS to Ireland: Ireland is for Irish! Rise, my countrymen, and strike a blow for the land, home, and freedom!

LONDON: Hail the Orange!

DUBLIN to the Limies: What do you mean by, "All I can offer you is... Blood, toil, tears, & Sweat!" How dare you! I must strongly advise you Londoners: Don't tread on me!!! And just maybe you'll live to say "thank you!"

THATCHER - Potato Heads: Your yellow terrorist tactics are no match for Royal Marines. We'll not be pushed around by second class hoodlums. Isn't that right darling?

UVF-UDA: B-r-r-r-p-p-t!! Ya didn't belong in Shankill ta begin with! ((but its still his))

THE RED CLOVER: (November Excerpts) News: For the forth week in a row, explosions rocked downtown Belfast. ((something rocked downtown Belfast!)) ...Next issue-Special Feature!: 101 ways to use plastique. ((now they're using semtex from Libya)) (December Excerpts) News: The quiet month of November may be a mere prelude to Christmas violence. UDA spokesmen hinted at large scale uprisings in a Catholic "Tet offensive" sometime around the holidays. Health: Use plastique for those hard to reach places!"

DUBLIN: These orders are a direct result of British aggression & done both as a measure to limit aggression by the British against the Irish people & nation & to preserve what peace we still have & what peace we all may have in the future.

UPI(London): A shipment of arms and ammunition was intercepted by Royal Navy cutters. Reportedly the arms were bound for the IRA in Central Ireland to be used in a massive buildup of militarism. British forces in Ireland have been placed on High Alert. Reinforcement troops reportedly left London and Liverpool today bound for the Irish coast. ((actually, this isn't far from the truth. British Intellegence has admitted to the media they believe the PIRA has managed to land 150 tons of arms and explosives over the last three years. Of this amount, the British have only recovered 5 tons.))

IRISH ECHO--Belfast graffiti: PIRA Recent Survey Shows Semtex is Killing More Germs Than Vortex-

Vortex is an all purpose sink cleaner which was advertised under the slogan "Vortex Kills More Germs", -Jack Holland's column.

LONDON to IRELAND: Her Majesty and the Prime Minister announced today the signing and ratification of an alliance between Britain and the Republic of Ireland. Portions of this agreement are reported to allow the return of the six counties of Northern Ireland currently under British Control to the Republic of Ireland. Domination of the various political factions of Ireland would then take place with British support. UPI(Belfast): Disturbing reports have surfaced of an alliance between Reverend Ian Paisley's Ulster Volunteers and the Provisional Irish Republican Army. If this rumor proves true, The very fabric of Irish politics could be ripped asunder!

Dublin to UDA/UVF: No Prodigals Allowed! Prodigals Verbooden! Keep you're asses from down here!

Dublin to OIRA, PIRA, and INLF: Stay North, young limericks, Stay North!

UVF-The pope is the anti-christ incarnate.

EIRE-The pope is not the anti-christ incarnate. Nor is he a communist.

The deadline for Fall 1970 is January 10, 1989. The players should have already seen these results by flyer. Some press is new.

Other standbys for Northern Ireland: Russell Rowe, Mark Strouthes, Paul Maurone, David Anderson, and Carman Cenammo is back as a standby. Please let me know if you want on or off the list.

#### VACATION DIPLOMACY III - 1988 Vrm

There were a couple of mistakes/typos in the last adjudication: ENGLAND F IRISH-MAO should have been underlined, TURKEY played card 94 on AMERICA, hence the bounce by the French. RUSSIA tried to move his vF G.LYON to Tyrrh. Sea, which was bumped by It. F TUNIS. I notified everyone involved by postcard, (I think). My only real excuse is that I got real busy with my school work. Now finals are over and I'm free until January 23rd. The good news is that at least it doesn't get any worst.

TURKS INFILTRATE IRELAND; RUSSIANS DISPATCH FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION. ENGLAND CALLS FOR PEACE. GM LEARNS TO TYPE.

Remember, Switzerland will no longer be possible at the end of the Spring 1903 turn. Syria becomes unfrozen at the beginning of Spring 1903, so the unit trapped there may move then. There are 36 supply centers on the board, so now 19 are needed for a win.

#### SUPPLY CENTER COUNT/BUILDS WINTER 1902:

AUSTRIA: (Cheek) (3) ALB, Bud, Vie.- even.

ENGLAND: (B. WILSON) (5) 3 home, Nor, DEN. +1= build F Edi.

FRANCE: (HESS) (5) Par, Bre, Bel, SPAIN, PORT. +1= build F Brest. vF Army Syria removed by play of card 88.

GERMANY: (BROOM) (5) 3 home, HOL, MAR. +1= build A Munich.

ITALY: (RICHTER) (6) 3 home, ire, tun, TRIESTE.-has 2 builds but only Rome open. build F Rome. vF Ireland converts to Turkish control via card 55.

RUSSIA: (LABOON) (6) 4 home, Swe, Rum.- even Play card 88 on French vacation army Syria, (removes unit).

TURKEY: (COX) (6) 3 home, Bul, GREECE, SERB. +2= build F Smyrna and Fleet Constantinople Play card 55 to convert Italian Vacation Fleet in Ireland to Turkish control.

NEUTRAL: America.

PRESS:

TURK to Wopland: We could have taken the Irish fleet, but we want to be buddies, right! ((I'll let him explain that.)) Sure could use some support from you in Spring.

TURK to England & Czar: What do we do now to hurt Frangermany?

TURK to AUSTRIA: I was just following orders. ((Who's?))

LONDON: Alright, it's obvious. The Iowa Twins are allied, the South Carolina flacks are allied. That only leaves three of us. One of whom, gallant Cheek, is not long

for the world. I doubt whether Brady & I - not exactly close allies - can hold off two 2-ways. Therefore, I suggest we vote a FGRT draw now and save everybody a lot of trouble. Then Paul can start a new game that has a little more geographical balance...

((Ok, so I made a choice not to interfere with the preference list of countries, and this is the result. Remember, no matter what, you are never really out in this game, you keep on playing until either a draw is voted on, some one gets a rulebook majority-of-centers victory {which is now 19 centers}, or the game runs out of time {Winter, 1911}. So, on the draw vote, send your vote in with your moves, No Vote Received = NO.))

Deadline for the SPRING 1903 turn (MOVES & VOTES) is January 27, 1989.

Thanks to everybody for the well written orders.

I hope everyone out there has a good holiday season no matter what their circumstance. One of the good things of Christmas is that one is allowed to feel good about it even though your life isn't where you want it. I heard on National Public Radio that America is the home of three million homeless. Then the program went on to talk about a family that went from Alabama to Virginia to get a better job. Both the husband and wife were able to find work, but the housing was so expensive that they couldn't find one they could afford. Housing is expensive, even around here. The average house around here goes for \$140,000. What first time buyer can afford that? A builder doesn't want to build cheap housing because there is a lot more profit on a bigger house. There is market pressure to make the bigger houses since there is also no shortage of buyers for the \$200K units. Here in New Jersey, there is the Mount Laurel II court ruling saying all townships have to have a low income area. Most townships now are in court fighting this decision. So there are even people who can earn money, but can't make enough for a home. And it was interesting to hear on NPR about such a family. The city had converted a gym for emergency city shelter, and here is a family of four among many who were living in little curtain cubicals. Some of you may already know that many people packed into a building can have its social problems. The NPR program was addressing those problems, and finally on the subject of Christmas and what it would be like in there, the husband said, "We may not have a tree or a big dinner, but we'll make (Christmas) good."

One of the classes that I took this semester was called Intellectual Heritage. It had an interesting course theme: The Meaning of Freedom. As the professors were quick to point out, freedom is not being able to do what ever one wanted. Later, that was illustrated when they showed Alex in Clockwork Orange. In the book Catch-22, the main character, Yosarian, is shown as free when he realizes that his surroundings are really absurd, while the other men in his unit accepted the crazy events as normal. In Hurson's book, Their Eyes Were Watching God, showed the heroin, Janie, looking for her freedom in the lifestyle she wanted to live, ie when she had her ideal relationship with a man. Freedom is hard to define.

### Northern Ireland

C = Army  
S = Fleet

B = British

E = Eire

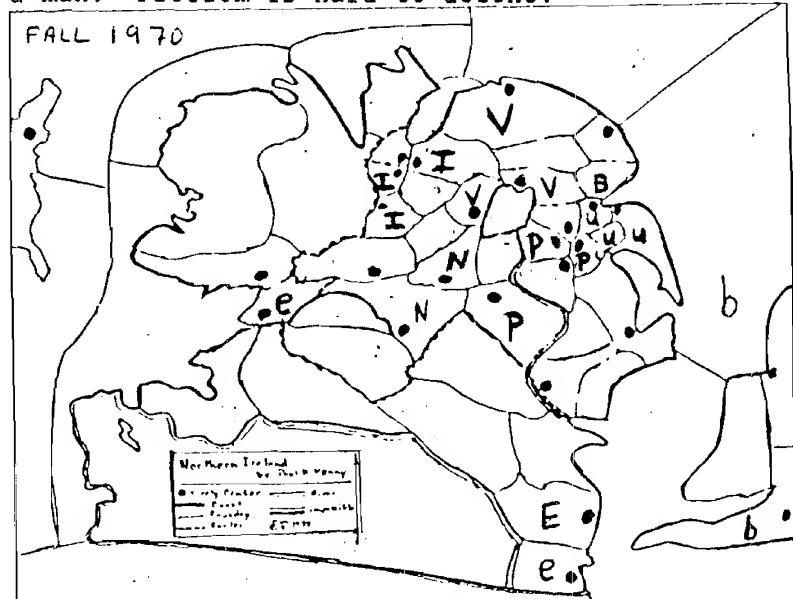
I = OIRA

P = PIRA

N = INLF

U = UDA

V = UVF



## AREX

RAILWAY RIVALS (London to Liverpool)

Turn 4

I have no orders on file from Spike van Robart (GSL). Would Tom Mainardi please submit standby orders for GSL? In a situation where orders are not received by next deadline for any position, I will adjudicate without the orders.

There was also a question from one of the players about the building situation between GSL and DRIVEL, and whether the adjudication was correct. I looked the situation over carefully again, and GSL owes \$5 more to DRIVEL (GSL=37 DRIVEL=56).

Wallace Nicoll has asked for six week deadlines for the operating rounds. So be it.

Turn 5 Rolls: 5/6/3

DEADLINE FOR TURN 5 BUILDS: January 30, 1989

## BOULDERDASH

VANDALS! (1988 0/h...)

443 A.D. Builds

Current Board Positions:

FRANKS <Brad Wilson>: NMR! Has f MBI f MBI a EBU \*c arg (ann) \*a arg (ann) \*k arg (r: COL) a COL c COL a VET.

GOTHS <John Caruso>: \*a poe-ill (r:NOR); \*c poe-s-ill (ann); a AQN-s-nor; c AQN-s-nor; a nor-AQL; k nor-s-aql/AUG; c nor-s-aql/AUG; a qua-MAR; c bur-s-mar/MAR; c qua-s-mar/NOR.

HUNS <David Anderson>: k dac-mac/SER; c dac-s-mac/MAC; a DAC-ser; a car-COS; c pan-DAC/mac; a sar-CAR; c CAR-s-cos; c iaz-COS.

ROMAN EMPIRE <Jack McHugh>: a mal-b-f mib-MTY-d-NEA; a LMA-h; a NMI-h; a UTL-h; a HRE-h; a TIN-h; a MTI-h; a EMP-U; a cau-AQT; a lut-GIN; a LUG-s-gin; a GEN-U; a MAS-U a CIS-h; a BEL-s-gsu; a GSU-s-gin; a ETR-s-cis; a ROM-s-rav (imp); k ROM-rav (imp); a RAV-s-aql; \*a aql-h (ann); a slo-POE; a SIR-s-poe; a ILL-s-poe; \*a ser-s-mac (ann); a NRO-s-mac (imp); \*a mac-h (r:PYD); a DYR-U.

VANDALS <Tim Raithel>: \*a mar-s-aug (r:SAX); a HER-s-arg; c gin-ALP; a RHA-s-alp; a ADE-s-alp; a gin-ARG; \*a aug-s-arg (ann); c RHA-s-alp; k ADE-s-arg; a SAX-col.

PLUNDERS: None ordered.

INCOME: FRANKS : Col Ebu + 8d saved = 10d to spend. Onboard forces valued at 18d.

GOTHS : Aqn Aql Aug + 1d saved = 7d to spend. Onboard forces valued at 32d.

HUNS : Plunder Ser + 1d saved = 6d to spend. Onboard forces valued at 29d.

ROME : 26 Cities, 25 Units = Build 1 (no room). Has 4d left. Forces = 77d.

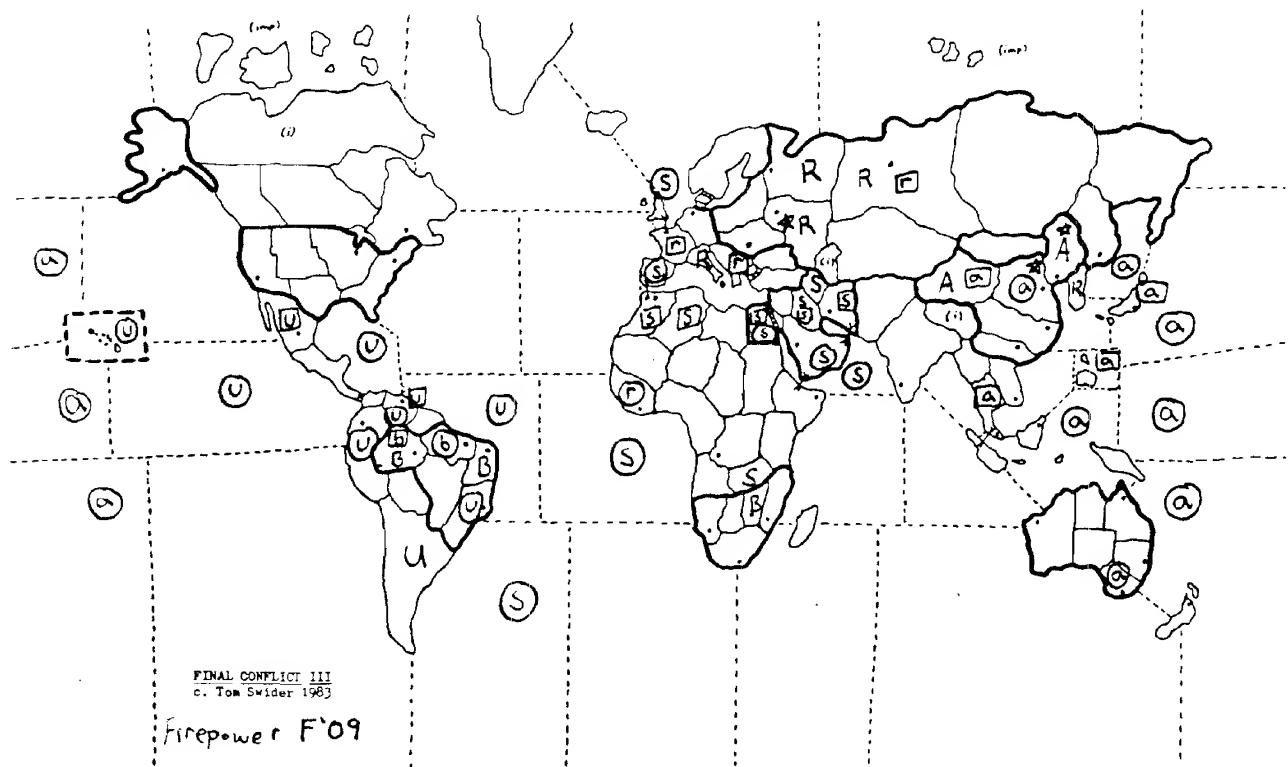
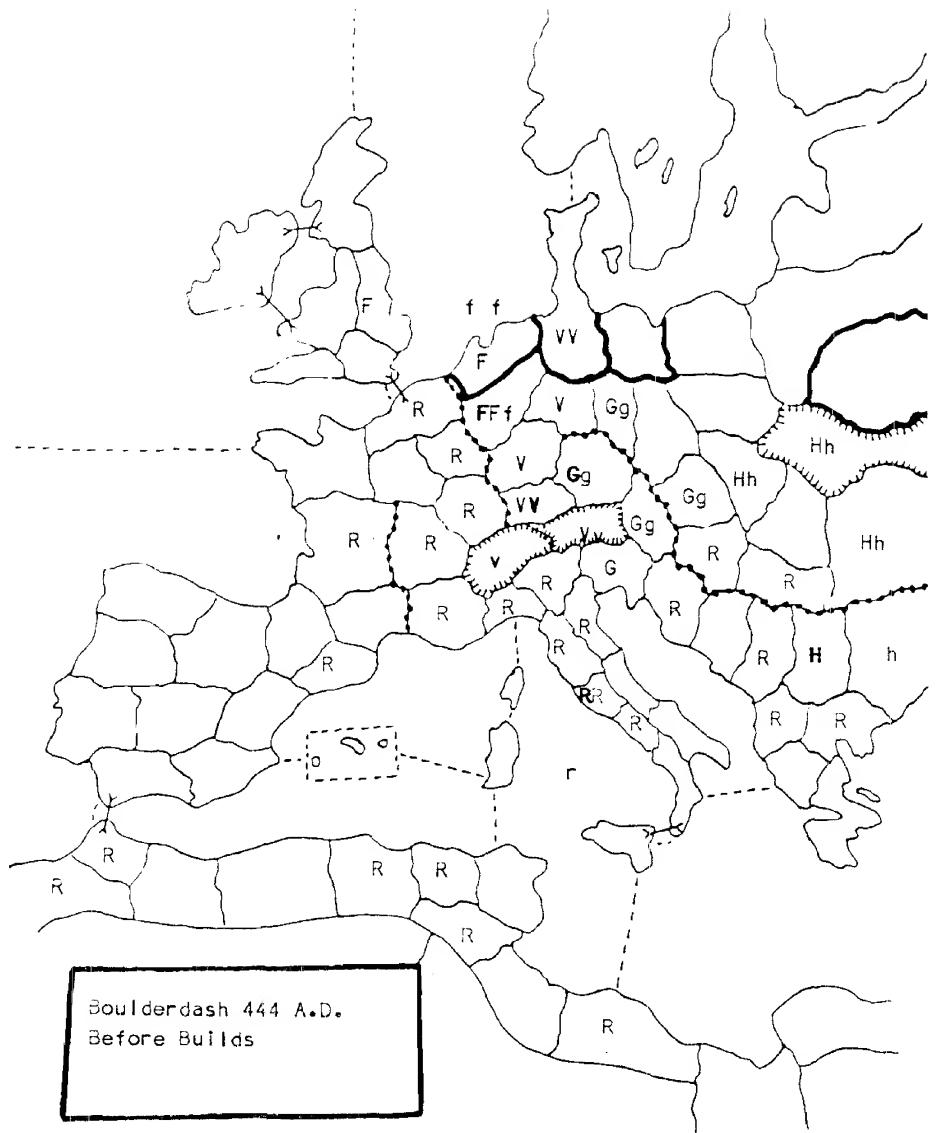
VANDALS: Arg + 1d saved = 3d to spend. Onboard forces valued at 28d.

GAMENOTES:

- 1) Would Riley Hamilton please submit standby orders for the Franks? Thank you.
- 2) Please note that the Vandal's army Aug was dislodged during cavalry second movement. This does not cut his support for the first move attack.
- 3) Up to this point, I have been somewhat liberal in interpreting orders, but I plan on adhering closer to the rules in future adjudications. For example, the Romans ordered "A Slo-Poe; A Sir-s-A Slo-Poe". Proper notation for support is "A Sir-s-Poe". Not to pick on Jack, but many players are guilty of this. Also, players should note the proper army/fleet boarding, moving and disembark order formats. A word to the wise...



"Just think ... Here we are, the afternoon sun beating down on us, a dead, bloated rhino underfoot, and good friends flying in from all over. ... I tell you, Frank, this is the best of times "



4) Note that unless specifically ordered to support, a cavalry stacked with an army doesn't support the army move if the cavalry is ordered to the same province. If both pieces are ordered to the same space in movement segment one, they are treated as two separate attacks. Conversely, an army and a cavalry will combined strength for the defense of the province, as was the case in Frank occupied Col, which is why the Vandal's attack failed on that province, and allowing a retreat province for the Frankish King. Close call if I ever saw one.

5) A unit which moves or performs another game function is allowed to plunder.

6) Because builds are relatively simple, I will set two quick deadlines. Builds will be due Jan 10, with the results sent out that same day. The 445 AD movement deadline will be Jan 30. Fair enough?

DEADLINE FOR 444 AD MOVES: January 10, 1989

PRESS:

EMPEROR TO ROMAN TROOPS: The order of the day is: No retreats! Stand and die for Roman Honor!

EMPEROR TO FRANKS: If its Franks, thanks! Do me a favor and stop NMRing. Another one and I may be gone when you get back.

EMPEROR TO VANDALS: Get out of Italy or I shall be forced to destroy you!

EMPEROR TO GOTHS: Hey -- we're supposed to ally, remember?!

#### FIREPOWER

FINAL CONFLICT (1984 uGF20)

FALL 2109

AUSTRALIA	<Tom Mainardi>: f sha-PEK [s a SIN]; a mon-MAN [s p SIN]; f SOJ-vla [s p JAP]; f MEL-s-f swp; f NWP-NEP [s p PHI]; f MWP-NWP; f JAV-MWP [s f SWP p MAL].
BRAZIL	<Brady Richter>: a RHO-H; *f rio-arg (ann); f BEL-H [s a SAL]; a AMA-ven [s p AMA].
RUSSIA	<David Anderson>: a KOR-vla [s a pek-man (r: Mon, otb); a tur-MOS [s p BAL a OMS]; p OMS-s-a oms; a ARK-U; a fra-ITA; f SEN-s-usa-f nwa-nea (nso); p FRA-s-f sen.
SOUTH AFRICA	<John Crow>: NMR! Has *a MOS (r: HUN, Pol, kaz, otb); a KUR p BAG p TEH f PSG f EGY a BAG f SAU f IBE p MOR p EGY f ENG f SWA f MEA p ALG a ZAM.
UNITED STATES	<Mikel Petty>: f mwa-RIO [s a ARG p VEN]; f sep-COL [s p MEX]; f MEP-nep [s f HAW]; f nwa-MWA [s f VEN]; f CAR-s-f ven.

Gross National Products for 2109:

AUS (13 SCs): NEZ MEL SYD BRI PER ade dar neg phi JAP BOR sum MAL VIE bur CAN SHA PEK MAN kor sin (mon?).

Income = \$47 - \$39 maintenence + \$0 saved = \$8 to spend.

BRA ( 4 SCs): AMA BEL SAL RHO bot mat bol.

Income = \$15 - \$15 maintenence + \$0 saved = \$0 to spend.

RUS ( 5 SCs): kam sib VLA kor mon? OMS ARK pol (HUN?) Ita bal tur syr GER fra SEN.

Income = \$25 - \$33 maintenence + \$0 saved = Owes \$8.

SAF (13 SCs): NAM CAP MOZ mad ken ang zam ZAI cha Ivo nig mau MOR IBE ENG alg lib sud EGY SAU BAG TEH kur HUN? pak kaz IND SOM arg

Income = \$54 - \$48 maintenence + \$0 saved = \$6 to spend.

USA ( 9 SCs): haw ALA alb sas QUE gre ice NEW CHI neb dal LOS MEX cen VEN COL gui RIO arg.

Income = \$37 - \$30 maintenence + \$0 saved = \$7 to spend.

Unowned

: sca

Nuclear News

: VEN recovers this turn. SAU will recover for F'10.

## GAMENOTES:

- 1) Errors from Spring adjudication: BRA had A AMA, not A Col. USA had A ARG, not A Col. Nobody started the turn in Col. The map positions were correct.
- 2) SAF Concession failed 3 YES 2 NO; A/S failed 2 YES 3 NO; R/A/S failed 2 YES 3 NO. No new proposals were made.
- 3) Would Nick Dowling please submit standby orders for SAF?

**DEADLINE FOR WINTER 2109 BUILDS: January 30, 1989**

## PRESS:

AUSTRALIA TO SOUTH AFRICA: This is your final warning! Stop your aggressive moves against Russia or pay the consequences.

AUSTRALIA TO RUSSIA: Help is on the way.

## GLASNOST

RUNESTONE POLL DIP (1988 R/r...)

FALL 1901/SPRING 1902

Winter 1901 Builds: GER: Build A Kie RUS: Build A War TUR: Build F Smy

## Poll Results Fall 1901:

AUSTRIA <Dick Martin>:	10's = 8	0's = 9	Move 0 units.
ENGLAND <Brad Wilson>:	10's = 11	0's = 7	Move 3 units.
FRANCE <Mike Barro>:	10's = 4	0's = 12	Move 0 units.
GERMANY <Cathy Ozog>:	10's = 21	0's = 1	Move 5 units.
ITALY <Melinda Holley>:	10's = 12	0's = 5	Move 3 units.
RUSSIA <Nick Dowling>:	10's = 2	0's = 17	Move 0 units.
TURKEY <Jack McHugh>:	10's = 7	0's = 14	Move 0 units.

## Orders for Fall 1901:

ENGLAND : NMR. Has f ENG; f NTH; a WAL.  
 GERMANY : A bur-GAS; a BEL-h; a HOL-h; f ska-SWE.  
 ITALY : a ven-TYO; a rom-VEN; f nap-ION.

## Attempted But Vetoed Orders:

AUSTRIA : a BUD-ser; a VIE-gal; f TRI-ven.  
 FRANCE : a MAR-spa; a PAR-gas; f BRE-mid.  
 RUSSIA : f BOT-swe; a GAL-boh; a UKR-gal [s a WAR]; f RUM-h.  
 TURKEY : a BUL-gre [s a SER]; f CON-aeg; f EAS-ion.

The Voters (NAME [Hobby participation]): Jack McHugh (outdrinks you, Brad and Ted Swizzlestic), William Lydick (Player in Diplowinn), Steve Courtemanche (Player in Diplowinn), Ran Ben-Israel (Publishes Hagalil Haarmarvi), Dana Britton (Bartender at Hy's Lounge, inspiration to Robert, Cover model for TCD (in future) and LOVES Bob), Karl Howard (Reads TCD and is Bob's Warehouse lackey in Lupin and does whatever Bob tells him), KS McDille (Subs to TCD), Matt Parsons (Reads TCD and does as Bob tells him), Courtland Smith (Designed TCD's covers for Issues #2 & #3 until fired by Bob), Rolly Kilborn (Pass judgement on TCD's covers -- only if they have nude women), Marty Aikken (Warehouse lackey, traced TCD covers: 1. Lusty Girl on Polar Bear 2. Bob's big race cartoons. 3. Spacehead cover (I was short of material) PS: I was also fired by Bob), Michael Panet-Raymond (Look at TCD's covers and love big breasted women), Fred Davis (Publishes Bushwacker), Melinda Holley (Player in Glasnost), David Anderson (Jack's toady), John Caruso (Publishes #1 Roving Subxyn in world), Roger Cox (Plays

Vac Dip, Northern Ireland, Sinistar, member of AHIKS, AREA, ACLU and Cathy Ozog Fan Club), Delta Dragon (Intimidates his adversaries), Lee Kendter, Jr. (Publishes Get Them Dots Now!), Mike Barino (Bends Matt Fleming over a desk covered by an Anheuser-Busch blanket and fulfills his aspirations from behind), Eric Ozog (President, FSGB [Fur Soft Game Board]), Cathy Ozog (First Woman of the Year), James Wall (Votes No to draws in Donner that do not include him) and Geoff Bohner (Stabs Jack McHugh repeatedly).

## GAMENOTES:

- 1) It would appear that there are people out there trying to destroy the Runestone Poll Diplomacy game, and that there were some fake ballots in previous adjudications. Because Comrades In Arms is now "The Kinder, Gentler Xyn", we will now play Ghod as pollster and toss out whatever ballot I believe to be fake. If you don't like it, you can suck my you-know-what.
- 2) Would Jim Nickel please submit standby orders for England? Note that for NMRs that I will allow conditional votes if people wish to distinguish between Brad and Jim. If you don't Jim will get whatever votes Brad gets.

## WINTER BUILDS AND SPRING 1903 ORDERS DUE: January 30, 1989

## PRESS:

SWITZERLAND TO ARIES: Ok, here's the scoop. Next season, there will be a set-up to give England all 10's and disrupt the sacred poll. Are you going to allow this to happen?

ARIES TO SWITZERLAND: Of course not! READ MY LIPS! There will be no ballot stuffing or any out of line/mainstream behavior tolerated.

INTERLOPER TO SULTAN: Her sanity may be questionable but she's probably, not hard up!

ACHESON TO CATHY: Wonder if any of those MadLads came through. Probably should have offered them beer.

CATHY TO ACHESON: The problem with operation MadLad is there are no Mad Lads left.

ACHESON TO MELINDA: West Virginia as a possible number one football team. Reality will set it.

ACHESON TO SWIDER: Re 34 Man. You're in. Now to find 17 more people who like punishment.

SWIDER TO ACHESON: Perhaps my plug will help? Can you make sure I don't get stuck with Spa or Por? Those two centers should be played by clowns.....

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## RUNESTONE POLL DIPLOMACY BALLOT

Use this ballot to help or hinder the players in the Runestone Poll Diplomacy game being played in Comrades In Arms. The rules are simple: for each "10" vote a country receives, it may move one unit. Each "0" vote nullifies a "10" vote. Any other vote has no effect.

For a ballot to be valid, it must include a signature and how you participate in the hobby. A list of who voted (but not their votes) will be published in each adjudication. All ballots will be thrown out after each adjudication, so vote wisely and vote often!

AUS: DICK MARTIN	_____
ENG: BRAD WILSON	_____
FRA: MIKE BARNO	_____
GER: CATHY OZOG	_____
ITA: MELINDA HOLLEY	_____
RUS: NICK DOWLING	_____
TUR: JACK McHUGH	_____

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

I PARTICIPATE IN THE HOBBY BY:



GERMANY TO TURKEY: Hey -- I even voted you a 10! I guess you're in Bud now.

GERMANY TO T/E: No, no, no, you both lose. France NMRed first!

TSAR NICHOLAS TO CITIZEN ACHESON: In Russia, recruits are no problem. People who love country, serve country.

DOWLING TO ACHESON: Wattleman, Zubrinsky, Vietze, Amm, Laurence, Young, Prutsalis, and Chang? Why they're a mid level investment banking firm in Boston. Care to buy into a condo project on the north shore? Or how about a bridge in Brooklyn?

NICHOLAS TO SWEET CATHY: Thank you for the kind notes. Hope our relationship is still strong. I would've written sooner but I've been bottled up...

RUSSIA TO TURKEY: But I do love you. Unfortunately, I spend my days writing to my vast constituency.

MOSCOW TO BLOOMINGTON: Let's go to USSR in fall of 1990. We'll get cool jobs teaching English to beautiful Russian diplomats...

DOWLING TO MARTIN: It's Linsey!! He's making me do it... Help, please help. I'm not sure how long I'll last...

ARIES: HELP HIM. HELP HIM PLEASE! HE BE HYP-NOTISED!!!

DOWLING TO ARIES: Music snob? I prefer one song only. "Message in a Bottle" by Sting. Yeah, I know the Police too, but don't print it.)

### KAIZEN

KREMLIN (1988 AR/pa2)

Turn 2 Purges/Spy Trials

\*JUSTIFY YES\*

TURN 2 REPLACEMENTS: Brad Wilson NMRs. Promotions go by age.

PARADE: Brady Richter plays 2 IP on Nestor and seizes control of the Party Chief. The wave fails, and Nestor is aged by two.

### KAIZEN DECLARED INFLUENCE TALLIES Up To End Of Turn 2

Code	Name	Age	Position	Bohner	Caruso	Sacks	Martin	Richter	Strouthes	Wilson
A	<u>Nestor?</u>	88	Party Chief							1
T	Mikail	59	KGB Head		6		7			8
D	<u>Petr</u>	75	Foreign		4		5			2
C	Alexej	74	Defense							
N	<u>Boris K</u>	64	Ideology							1
F	<u>Andrej</u>	75	Candidate	7						7
W	Leonid	54	Economy							
Q	Tigran	60	Sports							
L	<u>Igor</u>	65	Candidate							
U	Wassily	56	Candidate							
E	Karel	72	Candidate							
G	Diwan	70	Candidate							

### THE HUDDLED MASSES:

H	Nikolai	69	People; I	Anatol	68	People; J	Antonj	67	People;
K	Eduard	66	People; P	Iwan	61	People; R	Tur	59	People;
S	Ludmilla	58	People; V	Natasha	55	People; X	Boris B	53	People;
Y	Ulan	52	People; Z	Viktor	50	People.			

### THE COLD MASSES:

M	Sergei	64	SIBERIA	Oleg	62	SIBERIA
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(An underline name means sick, and **bold** means ill. If the office is underlined, the holder is currently visiting the Sanatorium. This chart will list current ages. Dead or retired characters will be removed from the chart as the game progresses.)

## GAMENOTES:

- 1) I am asking Ran Ben-Israel to take over Brad's position should he NMR next turn. If Brad NMRs again, the game will be delayed and Ran will then submit orders.
- 2) Brad still needs to expose 19 IPs due to card play from last adjudication. This is due with his upcoming set of orders.
- 3) Because this is turn 3, players will have to assign 3 points for declared IPs or taking additional cards. Your orders may be made conditional upon previous IP placement by players moving before you (starting with Strouthes, going alphabetically and wrapping around back to Bohner).
- 4) Let's use this delay to catch up on the game situation. I will ask players to submit orders for the Cure phase, and first Purge and Spy Trial declarations. I will then publish the Cure and First Purge/Spy declarations, allowing players to influence these proceeding more carefully. The changes in the politburo were somewhat unexpected.

DEADLINE FOR TURN 2 REPLACEMENTS: January 30, 1989

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## PETER KEATING

Diplowinn (1988 Ao/r...)

Spring 1901

AUS <Steve Courtemanche>:	a vie-TRI; f tri-ALB; <u>a BUD-gal.</u>
ENG <Michael Hopcroft> :	a lvp-WAL; f lon-ENG; f edi-NTH.
FRA <Nick Dowling> :	a par-BUR [s a MAR]; f bre-MID.
GER <Robert Sacks> :	a ber-KIE; f kie-DEN; a mun-RUH.
ITA <Scott Beckett> :	f nap-ION; a rom-VEN; a ven-TYO.
RUS <David Anderson> :	<u>a WAR-gal</u> ; a mos-UKR; f sev-BLA; f stp-BOT.
TUR <William Lydick> :	a con-BUL; a smy-ANK; f ank-CON.

## GAMENOTES:

- 1) Peter Keating was correctly identified as Dominique Francon's first husband in Ayn Rand's The Fountainhead. Was he a kinder and gentler man? No, he was not. He was a ruthless sponge who could only gain power from those surrounding him. Appropriate for Diplowinn.

DEADLINE FOR SPRING 1901 ORDERS: January 30, 1989

## PRESS:

ENGLAND TO WORLD: Soon you will also speak "The King's English". (Of course, we all hope the King is English; if he's German, we might be in trouble...)

ENGLAND TO GERMANY: Come on. You've never shown any reluctance to write me before. Just because I have the socio-economic status of the average field mouse is irrelevant. We're in a Dip game together, so lie to me for crying out loud!

ENGLAND TO FRANCE: Excuse me, but I have totally forgotten that you exist! You know how it is; one big name comes up and obscures everything else. Of course, since I will probably at some point have to kill you so talking about it may not help. This is one of those variants where talk comes cheap and action costs.

ENGLAND TO RUSSIA: About Scandinavia -- Hands off! It's mine, you hear? MINE!!!

ENGLAND TO GERMANY: About the North Sea -- Hands off! It's mined, you hear? MINED!!

ENGLAND TO TURKEY: Just a kind word to the Wicked Witch of the East. The kindest word I could think of is "fuglankvitch", but since it has no meaning in English whatsoever I'm reluctant to use it.

ENGLAND TO GM: 1. I need the players' addresses again. 2. You didn't say whether you allowed black press! Or any press at all for that matter. 3. Do you really throw all the controversial players overboard ... oops, wrong game!

ARIES TO ENGLAND: 1. They're on the back cover. 2. I cover that policy in the houserules which were published last issue. 3. No comment.

ENGLAND TO ILLUMINATI: Beware the Eyes of Frederick March!

AUSTRIA: Sorry for the cold shoulder, but I'm in the midst of an Oral Board. If any of you had to study for one, you know it "eats up" all your free time.

AUSTRIA TO RUSSIA: What's this about a DMZ?

AUSTRIA TO T/I: Can we talk? Or, is it too late?

ITALY TO AUSTRIA: Steve, I couldn't write you because I didn't know what city you lived in, and since I didn't hear from you, or anybody except Germany for that matter, I had to assume you were coming at me. Let me know now if you wish to converse.

AUSTRIA TO GERMANY: Hi Robert! I haven't had the time for answering your letters or Pan but enjoy reading them.

AUSTRIA TO E/F: You guys are a bit too far away from me now but I intend to write. Honest!

ITALY TO GERMANY: You don't own Tyrolia and therefore have no right at all to dictate that I stay out. I plan no aggression towards you, but from now on I suggest you suggest to me rather than demand. I can be a fierce competitor.

ITALY TO R/E/F/T: Drop me a line.

ARIES: Because so many people told me "nobody is writing", I have very little sympathy. You should be writing more, rather than telling me nobody is writing. Does that make sense?

FRANCE TO GERMANY: The boys got a great idea -- a wall across our entire front! We'll call it the imaginot line...

FRANCE TO ITALY: Bring some sweet bread home for Christmas. Wouldn't think of going into the Med -- too many pirates.

LE MUNDE: Fishermen in Gascony reported an unusual find yesterday. They found a huge corked bottle with skeletal remains inside. No note or other information was found on the body, although the words "Toss Ozog" were scratched on the inside.

### The Sea Of Despair

#### Chapter 6: The Blood Shall Rise

Because no ship is complete without a minister from The Church of the Sub Genius, ceremonies were held to ordain Midshipman Roger to the post of Reverend Roger.

"And as my first act of office, I declare a champaign bottle be broken on the highest, most Godly part of the ship as a sign of my observance of mediocre traditions and my lack of tolerance for skinheads."

A vintage bottle of bubbly was brought out of cold storage for the occasion. "And I hereby take care of two birds with one stone," said Reverend Roger "for I will bring tumbling down the highest vestige of this vessel with the whack of this bottle, and the death of John Crow's Nest, a known Apartheid sympathizer who refuses to heed warnings from Australian heads of state. So, off you go!"

"You know, he will do it." said von Swiderhund.

And true to his word, the bottle did not shatter, but brought down the mast. The sudden motion caught John asleep. There was a scream and a splat and then no more.

Clarke turned to the Captain and asked how he knew this would happen.

"Captains are supposed to know these things!"

Cathy had overhead this and smarted off to the young Clarke. "You know something, this lad 'ere is nothing but a toady of the lowest life form. I say we toss this toady back in the water where it belongs!"

"And what makes you think you're superior?"

"I'm a woman!"

"And a curse to any vessel."

"Am not!"

"Are so!"

"Shut up, fly breathe!"

"I know you are, but what am I?"

The two youths started a brawl. And if there's something the Captain liked to watch was a fist fight. They were really getting into it. The two bodies were tumbling around the deck.

Peel felt as if it were his place to try restoring order. "Break it up you two or else..."

"They'll both roll off the ship and we won't have to be worried about them." the Captain commented. He walked away as one would from the eighth inning of a Baseball game... SPLOOSH!

Peel went back to the matter of hand. He assembled the remaining crewmen and asked them to submit votes for who to toss over next. He then read the ballots.

"Death to Canadians!"

"Is it Dead or Canadian?"

Acheson looked about with a stare that would kill. How could you dare think of throwing me over? After all, I've written so many people about this silly game. Who dares throw me over?!

"I cannot say." said Peel. "If Dave Leskow were the one who voted to have you tossed over, I couldn't possibly tell you that. Now, if you please, would the two Canadians please walk off the plank like real men?"

"Well, he's got us there man." spoke Ran-Bam. "Us Canadians are real men. Can we at least have some jelly fillers before we leave?"

"Sure. We obey last requests." said Peel as he handed the Canuckies their powder sugared blueberry jelly fillers. SPLISH. SPLASH.

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The Revered Roger held private council as this was happening. Before further votes could be tallied, the Captain spoke up:

"I have it from reliable sources that our fair ship HMS Comrade is under a curse from the dead and that we will all die unless we let the dead have some justice. There may have been wrongful deaths and we would be certainly doomed if the ship were haunted. In two hours, we will hold a seance and contact the dead to see if any wrongs have been done. Three wrongful deaths were caused, and we will set them right by providing three more corpses.

"The Reverend Roger will conduct the service. He will get in touch with the beyond."

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**SUMMARY:** Bob Acheson (20), Ran Ben-Israel (8), John Crow (6), Cathy Ozog (6) and Theo Clarke (5) have been tossed overboard.

**OTHERS WHO GOT VOTES:** Jeff Bohner (1), Roger Cox (1), Dave Leskow (1), David Anderson (2) and Tim Raithel (3)

**SURVIVORS:** David Anderson, Jeff Bohner, Roger Cox, Michael Hopcroft, Fred Hyatt, Dave Leskow, Ken Peel, and Tim Raithel. All readers will be able to vote in the final round. (These will be votes from the dead, which will be read aloud at the seance).

**DEADLINE FOR CHAPTER 7 (The last chapter): January 30, 1989.** Because there can be five survivors only three bodies will be tossed overboard. Any ties will be resolved from votes from the living player votes. Further ties resolved by the GM's whim.

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#### IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!

If you died in Sea of Despair, be sure to read this months results because you will be able to get your final licks in. THE DEAD SHALL VOTE! THE BLOOD SHALL RISE!

Next issue, Sea of Despair will end, and I will publish the rules and starting information for another reader participation game called Haggle. Haggle is a gentler and kinder game than Sea of Despair. Instead of throwing people overboard, you trade cards like Civilization.

## SINISTAR

DUNE

Turn 4 Bids

Turn 4 Combats:

Harkonnen (8) vs. Atreides (1) in Carthag

FACTION	TOKENS	DIAL	SPICE	LEADER	WEAPON	DEFENSE
H	0	0	0	Captain Nefud	None	Kulon
A	0	0	0	Dr Yueh	None	None

This combat was fought out under terms of the spice deal published in the last adjudication. Atreides troop dies — no other casualties taken. Rather futile. What's gone wrong with this planet? Why doesn't Jamis do something about it before it's too late?

Harkonnen (1) vs. Guild (8) in Location

FACTION	TOKENS	DIAL	SPICE	LEADER	WEAPON	DEFENSE
H	0	0	0	Feyd Rautha	Slip-Tip	Snooper
G	2	2	2	Staben Tuek	Crysknife	None

Blood all over the place. Both leaders die. Guild wins on its great military might. Harkonnen loses all cards. Guild retains its Crysknife and collects 11 spice to buy flowers.

Turn 4 Spice Collection: Atreides collects 2s (Arrakeen); Harkonnen collects 2s (Carthag) and 4s (Red Chasm). Guild collects 1s (Tuek's Sietch).

Turn 5 Storm Round: Moves four to Sector 3. Kills 20s (Habbanya Ridge Flat).

Turn 5 Spice Blow: Shai Hulud (Habbanya Ridge Flat -- no effect); Habbanya Erg (8). Shai Hulud (Red Chasm -- eats 4H tokens); Shai Hulud (Can be sent by Fremen except to Funeral Plain and should be included with bid orders.); Funeral Plain (8).

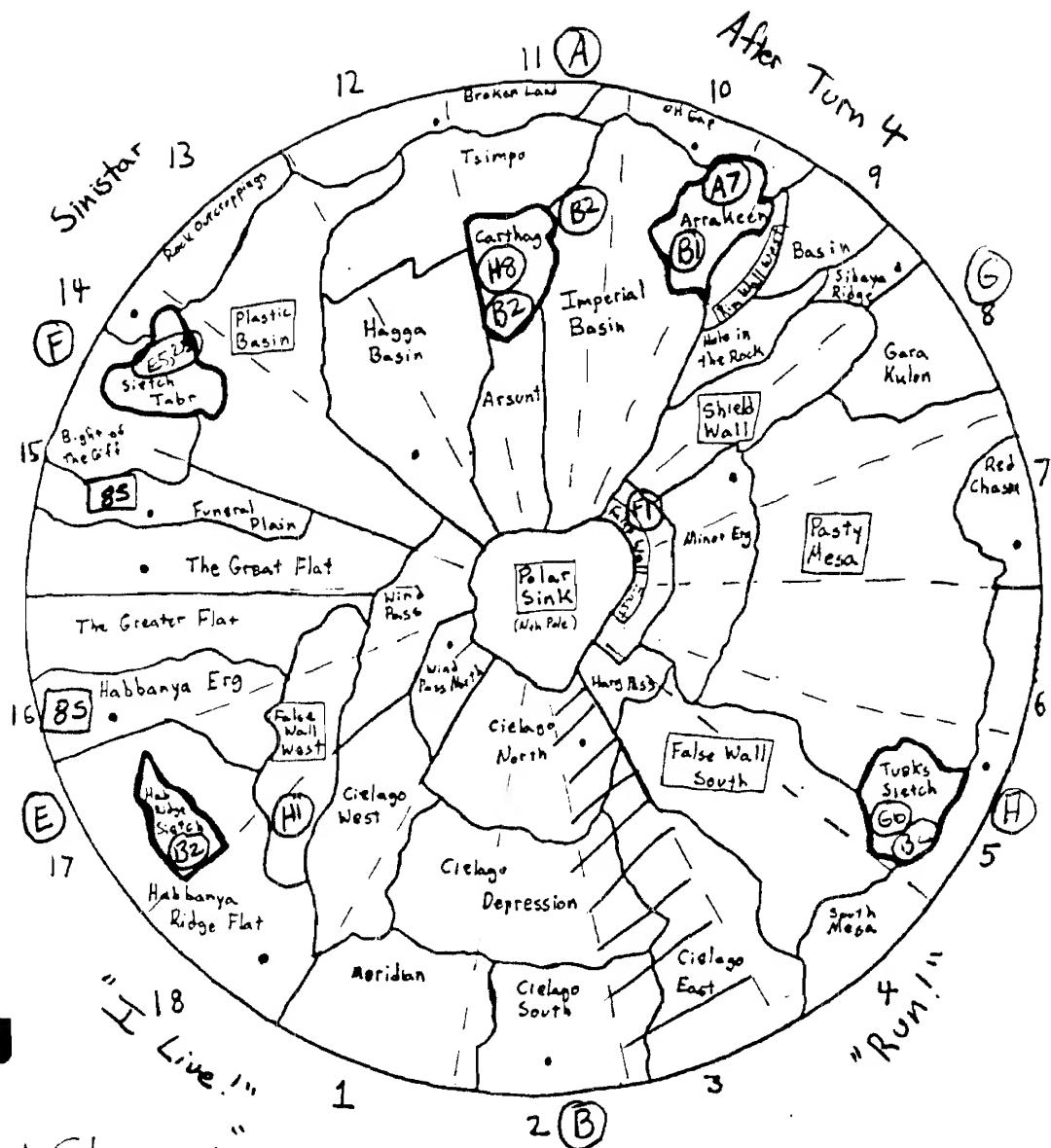
Turn 5 Bids: Three cards up for bid; eligible are Bene Gesserit, Fremen and Harkonnen.

Accounts Prior to Turn 5 Bids:

	A	B	E	F	G	H
Turn 4 Bids :	12	8	10	2	18	7
Combat :	0	0	0	0	1	0
Spice Collect:	2	0	0	0	9	6
Gifts :	4	0	0	0	0	-4
Total :	18	8	10	2	28	9

Board Position Prior to Turn 5 Bids:

ATREIDES <Mark Strouthes>: Holds 4 cards. Has 7 (Arrakeen), 10 (Tanks), 3 (Reserves).  
 BENE GESSERIT <Bobby Laboon>: Holds 2 cards. Has 2 (Carthag), 2 (Imperial Basin), 2 (Hab Ridge Sietch), 2 (Tuek's Sietch), 1 (Arrakeen) 11 (Reserves).  
 EMPEROR <Jack McHugh>: Holds 4 cards. Has 5,2\* (Sietch Tabr), 5 & Bashar (Tanks), 5,3\* (Reserves).  
 FREMEN <Brady Richter>: Holds 2 cards. Has 1 (FW East), 7 & Jamis (Tanks), 9,3\* (Reserves)  
 GUILD <Roger Cox>: Holds 4 cards. Has 6 (Tuek's Sietch), Staban Tuek, 2 (Tanks) 12 (Reserves).  
 HARKONNEN <Chester Gates>: Holds 5 cards. Has 1 (FW West), 8 (Carthag), 4 (Red Chasm), 3, Feyd Rautha, 4 (Tanks).  
 RECORDED : Storm in Sector 3 (Cielago NE) 8s (Habbanya Erg) 8s (Funeral Plain)



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## GAMENOTES:

- 1) Rules interpretation: I can't find anywhere in the rulebook that states that if the Guild takes his first move option that he changes his "storm round" position for combat resolution. Unless this can be pointed out to me, this is how I will rule.
- 2) SPICE DEAL: Atreides and Harkonnen: The Harkonnen will deliver to a previously agreed neutral location four spice in a brown paper sack. The Atreides will disclose to the Harkonnen the last three cards bought by the Guild.
- 3) Because bidding should be relatively simple, I will be setting two quick deadlines. The first deadline (Jan 10) is for bids. On the 10th, I will type up the results and send them out by postcard. Turn 5 movement will have a Jan 30 deadline. Fair?

DEADLINE FOR TURN 5 BIDS: January 10, 1989

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I guess that is about all for this issue. I wished I had time for some more articles or reading materials, except that I wanted to get this issue in the mail before I left for Christmas in Binghamton, NY. I have some time off for the holidays, so I will provide more reading material in the next issue, including a game review or two.

The Popular Front should also be back next issue. Why not make Jack happy and write him a letter? Or at least sign up for the Intimate Diplomacy tournament. If you haven't tried the game yet, I suggest you give it a shot. The rules were published in CIA #22.

I hope that 1988 was as good a year as it was for me, and that 1989 be even better!

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